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**RED BLUFF/OAKLAND MAN, FUGITIVE**  
**FOR OVER 20 MONTHS, IN CUSTODY**

SACRAMENTO--United States Attorney McGregor W. Scott announced today that DAVID DEAN DAVIDSON, 56, formerly of Red Bluff and Oakland, has been apprehended after being a fugitive for over 20 months. DAVIDSON made his first appearance in Sacramento Federal Court today.

The case was the product of an investigation by the Tehama County District Attorney's Bureau of Investigation, the Tehama County Sheriff's Department, the Alameda County Narcotics Task Force, the Alameda County District Attorney's Office Inspectors Division, and the California Bureau of Narcotics Enforcement.

According to Assistant United States Attorney Matthew Stegman, who is prosecuting the case, a federal grand jury indicted DAVIDSON and co-defendant Cynthia Blake on charges related to their growing over 1,100 marijuana plants in greenhouses and a garage at their Harness Lane residence in Red Bluff back in July of 2003.

Co-defendant Blake pleaded guilty in January 2006 to maintaining drug involved premises, and was sentenced to 12 months in prison and six months of home detention.

DAVIDSON, however, failed to appear for a scheduled court appearance on September 20, 2005, and a bench warrant was issued. After an extensive investigation, the United States Marshals Service determined that DAVIDSON would be attending a conference in New Mexico

on Saturday, June 2, 2007. On that date, DAVIDSON was arrested by deputy United States Marshals. After a court appearance in federal court in Albuquerque on June 5, DAVIDSON was transported back to Sacramento federal court.

Federal Magistrate Judge Kimberly J. Mueller ordered at today's court appearance that DAVIDSON be held as a flight risk and a danger to the public. She scheduled a court appearance before District Court Judge Morrison C. England for July 5, 2007.

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